

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS."

DURING THE MONTH OF

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## IRISH LAND COMMISSION

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of January, 1899; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891" and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

## COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1898, Applications received in month of January, 1899,	123,833 203 194,036	Renis Fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1898, " in month of January, 1899,	4,461 18	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1898, Do. in month of Jan., 1899,	10,352 40 10,392	By Sub-Commission to 31st December, 1898, " in month of Jan., 1899,	165,604 360	4,479
Applications by Lesseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Dec., 1898, Applications received in month of January, 1899,	29,936 9 29,947			165,966
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents, to 31st Dec., 1898, " received in Jan., 1899,	1,188 2 1,190	Dismissed— To 31st December, 1898, In month of January, 1899,	8,393 46	8,341
Applications by Lesseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1898, Do. in month of Jan., 1899,	1,449 2 1,451	Struck out— To 31st December, 1898, In month of January, 1899,	55,379 40	36,419
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st Dec., 1898, do. in month of Jan., 1899,	358 15 413	Withdrawn— To 31st December, 1898, In month of January, 1899,	14,949 17	14,966
Total,	237,685	Total disposed of,	—	230,771

\* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (a.), page 8.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st Dec., 1898,	41,147	Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . " in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	298 38	298
Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	983	By Sub-Commission to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . " in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	15,714 726	336
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . Do. in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	3,679 164	Dismissed— To 31st December, 1898, . . . . . In month of January, 1899, . . . . .	429 21	16,440
		Struck out— To 31st December, 1898, . . . . . In month of January, 1899, . . . . .	5,800 71	450
		Withdrawn*— To 31st December, 1898, . . . . . In month of January, 1899, . . . . .	602 38	3,871
Total, . . . . .	—	45,273	Total disposed of, . . . . .	21,732

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . Do., do. in month of January, 1899, . . . . .		124,879 444
Total, . . . . .		125,323

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . Do., do. in month of January, 1899, . . . . .		12,392 1,058
Total, . . . . .		15,448

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	1,732 7	Number disposed of to 31st Dec., 1898, " in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	2,189 9	
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . Do., in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	41 1	1,739 42		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 38) received to 31st December, 1898, . . . . . Applications in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	1,062 —	1,062 1,062		
Total, . . . . .	—	3,843	Total disposed of, . . . . .	3,598

\* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question within the Court's jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSER OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887"),—SEC. 2.—FORM 30.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1898,* . . . . .	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	22	
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .		" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	22
Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .		30		
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .		—		30
Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .		5		
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .		—		5
Total, . . . . .	55	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	55

\* The time limited by the Act for lodging an Application of this kind ended on the 23rd February, 1898.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	19	Applications granted to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	5	
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	5
Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	10	
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	10
Total, . . . . .	—	Applications withdrawn to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	3	
	22	" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	3
		Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	18

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883—1891.

Applications received to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	4,350	Rents Fixed to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	3,844	
" in January, 1899, . . . . .	—	" in January, 1899, . . . . .	—	3,844
Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .		309		
" in January, 1899, . . . . .		—		309
Total, . . . . .	4,350	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	4,243

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## VI.—APPEALS IN FAIR RENTS, &amp;c

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	48,646	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	24,605	
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	142	" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	27	24,632
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	801	
		" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	21,413	
		" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	32	21,445
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	46,078
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	2,130
Total, . . . . .	48,788	Total, . . . . .	—	48,788

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	9,194	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	9,392	
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	532	" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	153	9,435
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	
		Number withdrawn to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	1,068	
		" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	30	1,098
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	3,553
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	6,173
Total, . . . . .	9,726	Total, . . . . .	—	9,726

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

		Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	39,636	£	11,452,028
" in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—		—
Deduct Applications refused, . . . . .	29,636		11,452,028
	3,808		1,452,077
	25,827		9,992,951
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	25,827		9,992,951
Loans sanctioned in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—		—
	25,827		9,992,951
Loans issued to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	25,366		9,992,477
Loans issued in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—		—
	25,366		9,992,477

## VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891, 1896.

	Number	Amount.	Number	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	21,048 620	6,599,325 173,260	21,668	6,772,585
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	2,891 —	749,767 —	2,891	749,767
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1898, " in January, 1899,	349 18	94,707 14,966	367	109,673
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st Dec., 1898,	—	—	24,926	7,532,036
Less applications refused to 31st December, 1898, " " in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898, " " (Section 40, Act, 1896) to 31st December, 1898,	827 850 —	366,107 271,150 —	1,786	616,227
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	17,736 337	5,494,009 94,610	23,140	7,005,798
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	1,979 —	512,030 —	1,979	512,030
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1898, " in January, 1899,	349 18	94,707 14,966	367	109,673
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st Dec., 1898,	—	—	20,400	8,210,823
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st December, 1898, " in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 6, 1895), to 31st December, 1898, " (Section 40, 1896) to 31st Dec., 1898,	150 137 —	57,065 68,759 —	287	110,824
Loans issued to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	13,213 450	4,104,562 124,259	20,123	6,099,498
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1895), to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	1,749 7	445,201 1,714	1,766	446,916
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	349 18	94,707 14,966	367	109,673
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899,	79 —	78,069 —	79	78,069
" pursuant to Sec. 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 31st December, 1898 " in January, 1899,	4 2	15,782 3,359	6	19,171
			10,881	4,882,949

## IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1898, " in January, 1899, . . .	1,372 5	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rents have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st December, 1898, Number received in January, 1899, . . .	166 —
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents to 31st December, 1898, Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of January, 1899, . . .	1,188 2
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for judgment of consent has not expired, . . .	1,190 21
Total, . . .	1,377	Total, . . .	1,377

\* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in the last Table (a) page 3.

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

## MONTH OF JANUARY, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under the "Land Law Acts" as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of January, 1899.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1898, . . .	31,818	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1898, " in month of January, 1899, . . .	17,950 7
Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . .	48	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, " in month of January, 1899, . . .	3,999 8
Applications by Lessholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st December, 1898, . . .	4,341	Applications withdrawn* to 31st December, 1898, " in month of January, 1899, . . .	494
Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . .	1	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1898, " in month of January, 1899, . . .	1
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Dec., 1898, . . .	2,514	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1898, " in month of Jan., 1899, . . .	11,801 43
Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . .	11	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st Dec., 1898, . . .	11,843
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st December, 1898, . . .	99	" in month of Jan., 1899, . . .	36
Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . .	4	" in month of Jan., 1899, . . .	—
Total, . . .	—	Total disposed of, . . .	34,533

\* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred when applications to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	5,709	Bents fixed to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	1,042	
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	19	1,061
Applications received in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	173	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	94	
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	94
		Applications withdrawn* to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	66	
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	66
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	2,979	
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	164	3,143
Total, . . . . .	5,882	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	4,364

\* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .		7,294	
Do, . . . . .	in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	
Total, . . . . .		7,294	

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .		68	
Do, . . . . .	in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—	
Total, . . . . .		68	

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.\*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Redemption of Holdings, &c.); Applications received to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	617	Number disposed of to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	337	
Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	3	" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	1	338
		Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	41	
		Transferred in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	1	42
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	8			
Applications received in month of January, 1899, . . . . .	—			
Total, . . . . .	622	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	350

\* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,* . . . . .	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	6	6
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
Total, . . . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	6

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 2nd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 88.

Number of Applications received to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	22	Applications granted to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	3	
" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, . . . . .	4	4
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications withdrawn to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	1	1
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st December, 1898, . . . . .	3	3
		" in month of Jan., 1899, . . . . .	—	—
Total, . . . . .	22	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	11

IRISH LAND COMMISSION  
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